



**VERMONT VEGETABLE AND BERRY GROWERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012**

Capital Plaza Hotel, 100 State Street, Montpelier (802) 223-5252 www.capitolplaza.com

- 8:00 **Registration, Trade Show, Refreshments**
- 9:30 **President's Remarks and Impact of Irene on the Intervale**
Andy Jones, Intervale Community Farm, Burlington
- 9:45 **A Look Back at the 2011 Growing Season: Floods, Pests, Profits!?**
Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension
- 10:15 **New Strawberry Varieties and Management Techniques for Pests and Production**
Nate Nourse, Nourse Farms, Whately MA
- 10:45 **Making Crop Insurance Work for Vermont's Vegetable and Berry Farms**
Pam Smith, UVM Extension/Risk Management
- 11:15 **A Visit to Dutchess Farm**
Stephen Chamberlin, Castleton
- 11:45 **Update from Industry Representatives on New Products and Services**
Trade Show Exhibitors
- 12:00 **Luncheon and Trade Show**
- 1:15 **Business Meeting: Election of Officers, etc.**
- 1:30 **Updates from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets**
Chuck Ross, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture
- 1:45 **Spill Prevention and Containment Regulations for Vermont Farms**
Annie MacMillan, Vermont Agency of Agriculture
- 2:00 **Solar Panels Inside a Greenhouse for Transplant Production**
Jeremy Gildrien, Gildrien Farm, Middlebury
- 2:30 **Insect Pests and Diseases of Vegetable and Fruit Crops to Look Out For**
Ann Hazelrigg, UVM Plant Diagnostic Clinic
- 3:00 **Marketing at Jericho Settlers Farm**
Mark Fasching and Christa Alexander, Jericho
- 3:30 **Adjourn - Trade Show**

PRE-REGISTRATIONS - Must be received by Jan 26th (Add \$5 for at-the-door registrations.)
\$35 Members, \$45 Non-Members, *this fee includes delicious hot lunch and coffee break.*
Membership dues for 2012 are \$50; benefits include:

- 2012-13 New England Vegetable or Small Fruit Management Guide or, one book or video of equal value \$20 (see list on VV&BGA web site);
- a subscription to Agriview, the VT Agency of Agriculture newsletter
- a subscription to the Vermont Vegetable and Berry News (by email)
- a subscription to American Vegetable Grower and American Fruit Grower
- eligibility for a research grant from the Association
- \$10 registration discount at the association's annual meeting
- registration fee waiver at on-farm workshops
- inclusion on the association's grower listserv (buy, sell equipment & share info).

No-frills membership option:\$20 for 2012, benefits include:

- inclusion on the association's listserv
- A subscription to the Vermont Vegetable and Berry News (by email)
- showing your support for the vegetable and berry industry

Mail check made out to VVBGA to: Doug Johnstone, P.O, Box 701, Springfield, VT 05156.
Please include note stating your membership selection and who is being registered for the meeting.

Questions? Vern Grubinger, UVM Extension, 802-257-7967 ext. 303, vernon.grubinger@uvm.edu.

If you require accommodations to participate in this program, please let our office know 10 days prior to the event so we may assist you.

Attendance at this meeting will be worth 2 pesticide recertification credits for private applicators and commercial applicators certified in categories 1a and 10.

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